

Remarks

Claims 1-13, 15-34 and 39 are currently pending in the Application.

Allowable claims

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to Claims 4, 7, 13, 15-16, 18-22 and 27. Specifically, Applicants note the Examiner's admission that cited art does not disclose a reflector to receive the coherent output beam.

Rejection

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 10-11, 23-26 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Rice (U.S. Patent No. 5,946,130). Claims 12, 33 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Rice and further in view of Waarts (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,323).

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to Claims 4, 7, 13, 15-16, 18-22 and 27. Applicants traverse the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-6, 10-12, 23-26, 28, 33 and 39 and disagree that these claims are unpatentable in view of Rice and Waartz. However, in the interest of moving this application to issue, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to recite "providing at least partially reflective reflector to receive the coherent optical output" found patentable by the Examiner, amended Claim 23 to recite "a reflective means to receive the coherent optical output" found patentable by the Examiner, and amended Claim 39 to recite "at least partially reflective reflector to receive the optical output" found patentable by the Examiner.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

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